

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 8, insert the following new paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120 of U.S. application serial no. 09/869,272, filed June 26, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application. This application also claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119 of PCT application serial number PCT/EP99/10482, filed December 30, 1999 and German application serial number 198 60 830.6, filed December 30, 1998.

Section heading before paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11 has been amended as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention

Section heading before paragraph beginning at page 2, line 26 has been amended as follows:

~~Achievement~~ Summary of the Invention

Paragraph beginning at page 2, line 26 has been amended as follows:

According to the invention, the object is achieved by a children's rocking toy, in particular in the form of a stylized horse, having a one-piece basic body made of flexible synthetic material, a simply curved rocking surface forming the base of the rocking toy and a seat region molded into it according to Claim 1. Expedient further refinements of the rocking toy include one of more the following. The basic body widens in its cross section towards the base. The seat region is molded into the basic body to an extent sufficient to provide a backrest region. The basic body has, at its two longitudinal end regions, two curvatures in the form of a horse's head and a horse's rear part, respectively, with the vertical height of both curvatures being greater than the vertical height of the seat region, so that they form an additional support for a

child sitting in the seat region. The material forming the basic body is of a Shore hardness sufficient for the basic body, on the one hand, to have sufficient stability when rocking and, on the other hand, can be deformed in a sufficiently flexible manner so that it yields when a child is resting on one of its side surfaces. The flexible synthetic material is a foam. The basic body is manufactured, in particular cut, from a foam block. The rocking surface has a non-slip backing made of leather or imitation leather. The basic body is covered with a material covering. The seat region has a leather layer as the saddle. The backing is connected to the basic body by a touch-and-close or zip fastener or is buttoned to it (press-stud) or by a strap (or leather strap) with an overhang and eyelet for exchanging or for cleaning or washing purposes. The horse's head has a mane and ears designed as grips, and the horse's rear part has a tail. The horse's rear part has a tail made from the material covering. The tail and the mane of the horse's head consist of real, artificial or stylized hairs. The mane of the horse's head is designed as a pattern imprinted into the material covering. The basic body, which consists of a foam, has, for stabilization purposes, a core that consists of foams of expandable polystyrene. according to the invention emerge from Claims 2 to 16.

Section heading before paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14 has been added as follows:

Description of Drawings

Section heading before paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 has been added as follows:

Description of Preferred Embodiment